SRI K. GOVINDA RAO:—" Is it a fact that a good many landlords are having gun licences in the Visakhapatnam district?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" I do not understand the question, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member will repeat his question."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO:—" May I know if the Government are aware that landlords in the Visakhapatnam district who have got gun licences are sometimes threatening their peasants that they will use their guns if they do not quit their lands when asked to do so?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" A separate question may be put."

SRI A. M. SAMBANDAM:—" May I know whether the licences were withheld due to political reasons or because the owners were kisan organizers?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" Nothing of that sort, Sir."

SRI C. SUBBARAYUDU:—" May I know, Sir, out of the eighteen cases where the guns were used, how many were in connexion with cases of a political character and how many were in regard to village factions?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" In all these cases, they were used for criminal purposes and not for political purposes; so the licences were all cancelled."

SRI V. V. RAMASAMI:—" Do the Government know that the right to bear arms was one of the fundamental rights which were demanded in the course of the national movement under the leadership of Mahatma Gandhi and therefore it is up to this Government to issue gun licence freely to all those people who demand it?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" We are here concerned only with the misuse of the arms already granted."

SRI P. THIMMA REDDI:—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to say what has happened to the fire-arms used by the political thugs in the Krishna, Guntur and Godavari districts in the riots in some of the villages there? Have the Government collected any weapons from them, and if so, how many of them have been so collected?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—" A separate question may be put."

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Allotment and receipts of standard iron and steel.

*69 Q.—SRI C. R. RAMASWAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(a) what the quantity of standard steel allotted to this Province was, for periods I, II and III of 1952, under the following heads:—

(i) Agriculture,

(ii) non-agricultural,

(iii) other quotas; and

(b) how much of the above quotas have so far been received by the State?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"(a) & (b) A statement[a] showing the allotments and receipts of standard iron and steel under different quotas for periods I, II and III of 1952 is laid on the table of the House."

SRI C. R. RAMASWAMY:—"Has the Hon. Minister got any explanation to offer for the wide disparity between the allotments for the three periods in 1952 and the receipts?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"The only explanation that I can give is that the supply does not satisfy the demand."

SRI A. M. SAMBANDAM:—"May I know, Sir, whether the steel goods have been sold through co-operative stores or by the issue of permits to hardware merchants?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Iron and steel are sold not only to co-operative societies, but to all those who have licences to take and sell the materials."

DR. K. B. MENON:—"Is any preferential treatment given to the co-operatives in making these grants of steel?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"I do not think so."

SRI C. R. RAMASWAMY:—"Is the Hon. Minister aware that most of what has been received in the first period of 1952 is not material for use by the consumer or by the tiller?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"I should like the hon. Member to specifically say to which category he refers."

SRI B. SANKARAYYA:—"వ్యవసాయ పనిముట్లకొరకు ఇచ్చేటటువంటి ఇనుముకోటా బ్లాకు మార్కెట్టులోకి పోకుండా రైతులకు ఇచ్చేటందుకు ప్రభుత్వం ఏమైనా ఏర్పాట్లు చేస్తున్నారా?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—"Sir, I do not agree with the assumption of the hon. Member that all agricultural quota goes into the blackmarket."

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 925 infra.